

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10-12 have been amended.

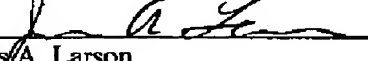
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-12), drawn to a method for deuteration of a compound having an aromatic ring where the aromatic ring is phenyl, and as a species, a method for deuteration of a compound "5-phenylvaleric acid" with a catalyst combination "Pd/C and Pt/C", which is disclosed in Example 1 on page 54 of the original specification. At least claims 1, 6-8, and 10, and 12 read on the elected invention and specie.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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